THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPORTED WATER

May 26, 2026

Committee Vice Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 11:58 a.m.

Members present: Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Camacho, Cordero, Crane, De Jesus (teleconference posted location), Garza, Gold (teleconference posted location), Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, and Miller.

Members absent: Director Denham.

Other Board Members present: Directors Bryant, Douglas, Erdman, Fellow, Jay, Paule, Pressman, Ramos, Seckel, Shepherd Romey, and Sutley.

Committee Staff present: Bednarski, Crosson, Deshmukh, Goshi, Hawk, Hudson, Hughes, Rosset, Rubin, and Dunbar.

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS -- ACTION

2. CONSENT CALENDAR OTHER ITEMS -- ACTION

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Subcommittee on Imported Water Meeting for April 28, 2026

Director Crane made a motion, seconded by Director Camacho, to approve the consent calendar consisting of item 2A.

The vote was:

Ayes:	Directors Ackerman, Alvarez, Camacho, Crane, Cordero, De Jesus, Garza, Gold, Kurtz, Lewitt, McMillan, and Miller
Noes:	None
Abstentions:	None

Absent: Director Denham

The motion for item 2A passed by a vote of 12 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent.

****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS****

3. SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS

a. Subject: State Water Project California Aqueduct Subsidence Update

Presented by: Christopher Martin, State Water Project Executive Policy Advisor, California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Mr. Martin reported on the following:

- Update on State Water Project subsidence impacts, current conditions, and DWR's response strategy.
- DWR reported that interim corrective actions to improve aqueduct conveyance capacity will begin in 2026, with projects continuing through 2029.
- Discussed long-term planning efforts to restore aqueduct capacity and operational flexibility, with construction targeted to begin by 2033.
- DWR continues coordinating with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and water contractors to address future subsidence and refine long-term solutions.
- Highlighted progress in securing state and federal funding to support interim subsidence repair projects.

The following Directors provided comments or asked questions:

1. Ackerman
2. Kurtz
3. Garza
4. Lewitt
5. Seckel
6. Erdman
7. Pressman

Staff responded to the Directors questions and comments.

b. Subject: Report on the Colorado River Board Meeting

Presented by: Director Cordero

Director Cordero provided an update on the San Diego County Water Authority's efforts to expand water-sharing agreements, including a forthcoming memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Reclamation and Lower Basin partners to explore interstate water transfers. The committee also discussed Six Agency Committee funding, including LADWP's request to temporarily reduce its funding share from 8% to 4%. Members proposed using Colorado River Board reserve funds to cover the one-year funding gap while negotiations continue on a long-term agreement.

c. Subject: Report on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority Meeting and the Delta Conveyance Finance Authority Meeting.

Presented by: Director McMillan

Director McMillan provided updates on safety preparations for upcoming geotechnical drilling, approved an amendment for executive strategy support services, and heard that the Delta Stewardship Council returned Department of Water Resources Delta Conveyance Project consistency certification for revisions on two issues before a limited appeal process resumes. The Delta Conveyance Finance Authority approved its FY 2026–27 budget, reported sufficient reserves to avoid a member cash call this year, and directed staff to evaluate winding down the authority beginning next fiscal year. Routine updates were also provided by Delta Conveyance Authority and Delta Conveyance Finance Authority executive staff.

d. Subject: Update on Colorado River negotiations and protection of Metropolitan's Colorado River water rights [Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation – deciding whether to initiate litigation; unknown number of potential cases; to be heard in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)]

Presented by: Michael Hughes, Senior Deputy General Counsel

The committee heard the item in closed session. No action was taken.

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

None.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 23, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Linda Ackerman
Vice Chair